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Applicants: Pandian et al. Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/940,296 Examiner: E.C. Whisenant
Filed: August 27, 2001 Conf. No.: 7256
Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE SENSITIVITY
OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS

Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2003 (15 pages);
2. Petition for Three (3) Months Extension of Time (2 pages);
3. Check No. 547191 in the amount of \$475.00; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

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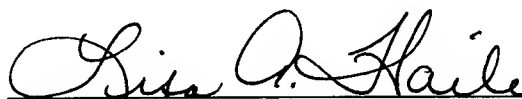
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Respectfully submitted,

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